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SUBJ: AMIN AND MOBUTU MEET AT KISANGANI DECEMBER 13

1. OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWAGENCY (AZAP) DECEMBER 15 REPORTS BREIF MEETING BETWEEN MOBUTU AND AMIN AT KISANGANI (ZAIRE) DECEMBER 13. SPEAKING AS PRESIDENT OF UGANDA, AMIN INDICATED THAT MEETING DEALT WITH BILATERAL QUESTIONS AS WELL AS WITH ANGOLA PROBLEM. AMIN ANNOUNCED THAT OAU COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD MEET DECEMBER 18 TO PREPARE FOR AND DETERMINE DATE FOR MEETING OF CHIEFS OF STATE. NO MENTION MADE OF WHERE MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

2. SPEAKING OF ALLEGED SOUTH AFRICAN ASSISTANCE TO UNITA, AMIN SAID THAT, IN ABSENCE OF TANGIBLE PROOF, HE COULD NOT CREDIT REPORTS FROM FOREIGN SOURCES. SAID THAT HE AND MOBUTU ARE WORKING FOR PEACE, TRYING TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AMONG THREE RIVAL LIBERATION GROUPS. REPLYING TO QUESTION FROM REPORTERS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR KAMPALA SAME DAY, AMIN SAID, "ANY ATTACK ON ZAIRE ALSO CONCERNS UGANDA - WHICH WILL RESPOND SPONTANEOUSLY, AND WILL ALL AVAILABLE MEANS."

3. COMMENT: FOREGOING STATEMENT ON SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA SEEMS TO REPRESENT STEP BACK FROM AMIN'S EARLIER, MORE FORTHRIGHT CONDEMNATION.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - PRESIDENT FORD IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF MEN AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT THAT RUSSIA AND CUBA ARE POURING INTO ANGOLA, A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID TUESDAY.

THE PRESIDENT ALSO FEELS THE SOVIET ACTION IN BACKING ONE SIDE IN THE ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR IS NOT HELPFUL TO DETENTE, DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY WILLIAM GREENER TOLD A NEWS BRIEFING.

GREENER SAID THAT FORD TUESDAY AUTHORIZED HIM TO MAKE A STATEMENT REFLECTING THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS.

THE PRESIDENT IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA IN PROVIDING LARGE QUANTITIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND MEN TO ANGOLA, GREENER SAID.

ASKED IF THE RUSSIAN INTERVENTION IN THAT AFRICAN NATION POSED A THREAT TO U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE, GREENER SAID YES. LATER HE SAID HE WISHED TO CORRECT HIMSELF TO SAY THE PRESIDENT FEELS THE ANGOLAN SITUATION IS NOT HELPFUL TO DETENTE.

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GREENER DECLINED TO COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT THE U.S. IS PLANNING TO SPEND UP TO 50 MILLION DOLLARS TO HELP AN ANGOLAN FACTION THAT OPPOSES THE ONE SUPPORTED BY RUSSIAN AND CUBA.

ASKED ABOUT THE ACTION OF A GROUP OF SENATORS WHO BLOCKED THE PASSAGE OF THE 112 BILLION DOLLAR DEFENSE APPROPRIATION BILL AND WERE TO GO INTO A SECRET SENATE SESSION ON THE ANGOLA SITUATION, GREENER REPLIED, THE PRESIDENT FEELS THERE IS NEED FOR DISCUSSION IN CONGRESS ON THE GEOPOLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN THAT COUNTRY.

THE SENATORS WANT TO LEARN IF ANY MONEY IN THE APPROPRIATIONS WOULD BE USED TO FINANCE UNDERCOVER ACTIVITIES IN ANGOLA.

GREENER SAID THE INFORMATION WOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE SECRET SENATE SESSION.

PRESSED TO REVEAL WHAT ACTIONS THE U.S. MIGHT BE TAKING IN ANGOLA, GREENER SAID HE COULD MAKE NO COMMENT AND ADDED, THE PRESIDENT IS AWARE OF ANY ACTION WE MAY OR MAY NOT BE TAKING IN ANGOLA.

ASKED IF THE U.S. IS HOLDING ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH RUSSIA ON THE ANGOLAN SITUATION, GREENER RECALLED THAT SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER TOLD A NEW CONFERENCE A WEEK AGO THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE.

BUT GREENER WAS UNABLE TO SAY IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY SINCE THAT TIME. END

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BY STEVE GERSTEL

WASHINGTON, DEC. 16 (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT RUSSIAN AND CUBA INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AND FEELS IT "IS NOT HELPFUL TO DETENTE," A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID TUESDAY.

HE COMMENTED AS SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SPOKE OUT AGAINST AMERICAN ARMS AID TO ANTI-SOVIET FACTIONS IN THE FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONY. LIBERAL SENATORS HAVE MOVED TO BLOCK PASSAGE OF THE DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL OVER THE ISSUE OF SECRET AMERICAN AID TO TWO GERRILLA FACTIONS IN ANGOLA.

"THE PRESIDENT INDICATED HE IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA IN SUPPLYING LARGE QUANTITIES OF MEN AND EQUIPMENT TO ANGOLA," DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY WILLIAM GREENER TOLD REPORTERS.

ASKED IF FORD JUDGED SOVIET INTERVENTION IN THE FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONY AS A "THREAT" TO U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE, GREENER REPLIED, "YES." BUT THE SPOKESMAN LATER SAID HE MEANT TO SAY FORD THOUGHT THE SOVIET ACTION "IS NOT HELPFUL TO DETENTE."

HE SAID THE ADMINISTRATION SEES NO PARALLEL BETWEEN ANGOLA AND EARLY U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM.

ASKED IF FORD WERE CONCERNED THAT CONGRESS MIGHT BE OVER-REACTING TO ADMINISTRATION POLICY ON ANGOLA, GREENER SAID, "NO."

"THE PRESIDENT FEELS THERE IS A NEED FOR A DISCUSSION BY CONGRESS" ON THE MATTER, GREENER SAID.

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 ASKED IF THE PRESIDENT AGREED WITH A STATEMENT BY U.N. AMBASSADOR
 DANIEL MOYNIHAN THAT SOVIET ARMS AID TO ANGOLA THREATENED WESTERN OIL
 LINES, GREENER SAID, "YES."

"IT IS THE SAME KIND OF THING THAT LED US INTO VIETNAM," CHURCH
OLD REPORTERS AS HE LEFT A CLOSED DOOR BRIEFING BY CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS OF A SENATE
SUBCOMMITTEE.

AUTHORIZATION.
ASKED IF HE LEARNED ANYTHING NEW IN THE BRIEFING ABOUT ANGOLA,
CHURCH SHOOK HIS HEAD NO.

"TWO WEEKS AGO AT A DINNER I ATTENDED MR. COLBY VOLUNTEERED THE STATEMENT THAT IN NO WAY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, WAS THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTING ANY FACTION IN ANGOLA. THAT STATEMENT WAS AN ABSOLUTE FALSEHOOD," SEIBERLING SAID.

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